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PROGRAM )

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Copies of the listed foreign documents are attached.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate they were considered by making an appropriate notation on the attached form.

Japanese Patent Publication Nos. 05-108263 and 08-161098 are cited on pages 1 through 2 of the specification, and English abstracts are enclosed.

Computer generated English translations of Japanese Patent Publication Nos. 10-240693 and 2002-288690 are also enclosed.

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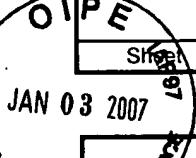
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